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Annual Report

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Municipal Officers

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TOWN OF SEARSPORT MAINE

For the Municipal Year

1952

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Annual Report

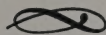
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SEARSPORT, MAINE



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

1952



FRED E. YOUNG

A Conscientious and Faithful Town Official

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SEARSPORT

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

VICTOR N. GREENE CLAIR S. SHUTE
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Superintending School Committee

DAVID STONE HELEN FLETCHER
LEOREN CLEMENTS

Superintendent of Schools

BERNARD PIERCE

Tax Collector

RUBY D. WOOD

Town Clerk

MAURICE FLETCHER

Town Treasurer

FRED E. YOUNG
CARL ROBBINS

Auditor

W. C. WHEELER

Fire Chief

ALTON H. JACKSON

Constable

ALFRED ASHEY

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ALTON L. JOHNSON, JR.

Health Officer

ALFRED ASHEY

ANNUAL REPORT

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

	Valuation		
	R. Estate	P. Estate	Total
Resident.....	447,235.00	39,471.00	486,706.00
Non-resident.....	544,642.00	223,545.00	768,187.00
Grand Totals.....	991,877.00	263,016.00	1,254,893.00
Tax Rate \$66.00 per \$1,000.....		82,822.94	
337 Polls at \$3.00.....		1,011.00	
Supplemental Tax.....		306.67	
Total Commitment.....			84,140.61

Appropriations

High School.....	\$ 8,200.00
Elementary Schools.....	20,000.00
Superintendence.....	850.00
General School Account.....	2,500.00
Carver Memorial Library.....	400.00
General Government.....	7,500.00
Town Poor.....	4,000.00
Hydrant Rental.....	2,650.00
Town Roads.....	8,000.00
Cutting Bushes.....	600.00
Snow Removal.....	2,500.00
Fire Department.....	2,000.00
Sewer Maintenance.....	500.00
Memorial Day.....	50.00
Street Lights.....	1,400.00
Sidewalks.....	100.00
Health Nurse.....	85.00
Bayview Extension.....	700.00
Mosman Park.....	2,500.00

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Police.....	2,500.00
New Tank Truck.....	3,500.00
Union Hall.....	800.00
A. D. C.....	1,200.00
Publicity.....	50.00
State Aid Construction.....	1,464.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	1,000.00
Christmas Tree.....	50.00

TOTAL Direct Appropriations.....	75,099.00
Assessed for State Tax.....	9,631.42
Assessed for County Tax.....	6,640.00
Assessed for Overlay.....	2,094.94
Assessed for Supplemental Tax.....	306.67

Total Commitment.....	93,772.03
Less State Property Tax.....	9,631.42
Total Commitment.....	84,140.61

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE
CLAIR S. SHUTE
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Assessors of Searsport

ANNUAL REPORT
AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 12, 1953

Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we have audited the general and trust fund accounting records of the Town of Searsport, Maine for the year ending January 31, 1953. We have directly examined records of the town clerk affecting accounting procedure and the administration of the town. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances; in addition thereto we have prepared the detail of all transactions in trust funds, reconciled the checking accounts and traced in complete detail all treasurer's transactions.

Certificate

Based upon our examination, and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheet, statement of transactions in departmental accounts, and analysis of change in available surplus of resources properly present the financial condition of the town as of January 31, 1953 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WHEELER

WCW:sw

Public Accountant

COMMENTS

Cash

Cash on deposit has been reconciled with certificate furnished by The Merrill Trust Company. All cash recorded as received was found to be promptly deposited. The total of all warrants issued has been reconciled with bank clearances.

Tax Receivables

The assessment of 1952 taxes has been proved and compared with the collector's commitment. The list of outstanding taxes furnished by the tax collector is being verified by correspondence with a representative number of taxpayers. Outstanding taxes of prior years have been reconciled with ledger control. Copies of excise tax receipts numbered 84 to 475 inclusive; numbered 100676 to 100700 inclusive; numbered 102451 to 102475 inclusive; numbered 107751 to 107775 inclusive; numbered 110176 to 110200 inclusive; numbered 114826 to 114875 inclusive and numbered 122461 to 122455 inclusive for 1951, and numbered 1 to 92 inclusive for 1952 have been added and the total found to be in agreement with receipts issued by the treasurer.

Tax Mortgage Liens

New tax liens securing 1951 taxes have been examined; costs have been added to, and forms a part of, the reconciled ledger balance. The foreclosure of the 1950 liens merged a substantial part of the unpaid 1951 liens to the list of properties recorded as owned by the town, but such a listing in our report does not imply an opinion of property title.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable have been determined from examination of departmental accounts and from unpaid balances of prior years.

Capital Reserve

The security investments have been viewed and interest earnings were found added to the fund. The additions from town appropriation and earnings from time deposits were confirmed by bank certificate.

Employee Funds

The accrued employee funds this year includes social security withholdings. This liability to year end closing included cash withheld only and not the share of the town that accrued during January of 1953.

Accounts Payable

The principal item unpaid is for hospitalization costs. Other new accounts are minor in amount.

Bonds Payable

The schedule of bonds payable is based upon information furnished by The Merrill Trust Company, no part of this issue being mature and available for examination. The interest requirements for February 1, 1953 were found to be provided for.

Continuing Balances

Balances carried forward are for education and, in addition, the balance for Aid to Dependent Children because a substantial portion is obligated for the costs incurred for the period ending December 31, 1952 for which an invoice was not available at year end closing. A minor item carried forward is for other town poor which could not be charged as positively due from any other municipality pending further proof. The intent is not to carry forward any balances without adequate reason or known encumbrance.

Trust Funds

The security investments have been viewed directly with the single exception of one U. S. Savings Bond for which a reissue is pending. All amounts on time deposit have been verified by bank certificate. The cash on demand deposit has been reconciled and the component items determined in detail. During the year a modern system has been installed for accounting for the detail of individual trust funds, but it was not found completely in operation at year end closing. The cost of the materials is a proper charge to trust fund income but such a charge has not yet been made. It is not impossible that after opinion is rendered by a Judge of Probate that worthy poor fund income is available to reimburse the town for certain non-recurrent and actually worthy poor cases where substantial hospital costs have been paid from town funds.

Complete Report of Audit is on file in the office of the Selectmen.

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

RESOURCES

Schedule:	January 31, 1953	January 31, 1952
1 Cash.....	17,937.30	23,015.21
2 Taxes Receivable.....	4,331.35	6,688.72
3 Tax Mortgage Liens.....	100.80	738.04
4 Foreclosed Tax Mortgages.....	3,447.34	2,367.28
5 Accounts Receivable.....	63.91	164.25
6 Capital Reserve Investments.....	5,315.66	4,257.00
Total Resources.....	31,196.36	37,230.50

OBLIGATIONS, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

7 Capital Reserve.....	5,315.66	4,257.00
Tax Abatement Reserve ..	325.09	467.77
Accrued Employee Funds.....	460.99	301.60
8 Accounts Payable.....	848.48	580.30
9 Bonds Payable.....	20,000.00	
Ex. D Continuing Balances.....	1,391.22	3,767.52
Ex. E Unappropriated Surplus ..	22,854.92	27,856.31
Less: Bonded Debt.....	20,000.00	
Net Surplus.....	2,854.92	27,856.31
Total Obligations, Reserves and Surplus.....	31,196.36	37,230.50

EXHIBIT B

COMPARATIVE TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET

RESOURCES

	January 31, 1953	January 31, 1952
Cash, Checking Account.....	8,458.66	2,024.24
Cash, Undeposited.....	50.00	10.00
Less: Funds Held Pending Acceptance.....		100.00
	8,508.66	1,934.24
Securities.....	63,405.28	63,305.28
Time Deposits.....	5,160.10	4,591.13
Due from U. S. Treasury.....		1.25
Total Resources, Sch. 10.....	77,074.04	69,831.90

BALANCES

Expendable Income.....	4,690.45	4,066.53
Expendable Principal.....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Permanent Trust.....	70,383.59	63,765.37
Total Balances, Sch. 11.....	77,074.04	69,831.90

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The overdraft in the General Government Account can be traced to the installation cost of the traffic light and the cost of obtaining the bond issue. These two items will not re-occur this year.

Most of the expenses in the sewer account were incurred in taking care of the water drainage on Warren Street and work on the sewer in front of the new garage.

Two items can explain the overdraft in the Fire Department Account. The purchase of hose from The Blanchard Associates and the cost of calling the Belfast Fire Department for the fire at the Sprague Coal Company.

We purchased a 750 gallon tank for the new fire truck instead of a 500 gallon tank as planned, thereby overdrawing that account by \$200.00.

The continuing balance in the Police account represents the salary of the police officer for the month of February.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Receipts

Appropriations.....	7,500.00	
Received from other sources.....	380.82	
Other Credits.....	117.20	
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Total Available.....		7,998.02

Expenditures

Salaries:

Victor N. Greene, 1st Selectman.....	500.00
Clair S. Shute, 2nd Selectman.....	350.00
Charles C. Havener, 3rd Selectman.....	500.00

Fred E. Young, Treasurer.....	300.00
Carl B. Robbins, Treasurer.....	200.00
Maurice Fletcher, Town Clerk.....	150.00
Ruby D. Wood, Tax Collector.....	1,902.21
Victor N. Greene, Assessor.....	75.00
Clair S. Shute, Assessor.....	75.00
Charles C. Havener, Assessor.....	125.00
David Stone, School Committee.....	100.00
Helen Fletcher, School Committee.....	100.00
Leoren Clements, School Committee.....	100.00
Alfred Ashey, Health Officer.....	100.00
Frank Perkins, Special Police.....	16.00
Lindley Small, Special Police.....	16.00
Alfred Ashey, Special Police.....	16.00
Daniel Rich, Special Police.....	16.00
Harry Merrithew, Ballot Clerk.....	15.00
Alice Havener, Ballot Clerk.....	15.00
Esther Clements, Ballot Clerk.....	15.00
Gussie Clements, Ballot Clerk.....	15.00
Alfred Ashey, Truant Officer.....	100.00

 4,801.21

Janitor, Lights and Telephone:

William Hamilton.....	159.00
Central Maine Power Company.....	55.14
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.....	130.35

 Total..... 344.49

Fuel:

Gulf Oil Corporation.....	78.80
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Officer's Bonds and Insurance:

B. F. Colcord Insurance Agency.....	545.90
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Supplies:

Kelley Press.....	15.25
Marks Printing House.....	48.00
Grace Harriman.....	55.96
Branham Printing Company.....	4.00
Bangor Office Supply Company	11.75

Total.....	134.96
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Incidentals:

Searsport Hardware.....	2.40
Bangor Daily Publishing Co.....	28.50
Cleaves Electrical Company.....	197.29
Journal Publishing Co.....	13.38
Charles R. Knox.....	10.00
James H. Duncan.....	2.00
Central Maine Power Co.....	1.12
Duntin Morse.....	12.50
City Drug Company.....	20.94
Searsport Water District.....	25.50
Victor N. Greene.....	83.55
Payroll.....	141.80
Eastern Fire Equipment.....	16.18
Searsport Drug Company.....	1.00
Hillard Buzzell.....	3.35
Ballard Keith.....	140.08
Fred L. Tower Company.....	12.80
The Merrill Trust Co.....	25.25
Estate of R. M. Thompson.....	.50
Maurice Fletcher.....	1.82
Arthur Stantial.....	15.20
Carl Robbins.....	19.70
Richard Crosby & Son.....	14.43
W. C. Wheeler.....	996.19
Ruby Wood.....	129.90
Alfred Ashey.....	32.57

R. B. Davis, Jr.....	5.00	
Berry's Taxi.....	2.50	
J. H. Lord.....	24.00	
F. L. Whitcomb.....	13.00	
Maine Municipal Association.....	40.00	
Kelley Press.....	275.30	
Register of Deeds.....	20.48	
Mary Carr.....	1.02	
C. G. Carley.....	5.58	
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		2,334.83
Total Expenditures.....		8,240.19
Other Charges.....		26.26
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Total Debits.....		8,266.45
Overdraft to Surplus.....		268.43

UNION HALL

Appropriation.....	800.00	
Receipts.....	10.00	
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Total Available.....		810.00

Expenditures:

William Hamilton, janitor.....	106.00
Central Maine Power Co.....	81 84
Gulf Oil Corp., fuel.....	18.40
Leslie Closson, fuel.....	18.00
Ralph Closson, fuel.....	220.19
R. M. Thompson, fuel.....	87.16
R. M. Thompson Estate, fuel.....	30.39
Knox Bros.....	50.42
L. H. Rich.....	1.75
Richard Crosby & Son.....	1.24
Arthur Gould.....	27.75
C. G. Carley.....	16.81

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Harry Merithew.....	34.00	
Albert Kinney.....	30 50	
Sid's Market.....	6.14	
R. M. Thompson, trucking.....	15.00	
Donald Lewis.....	8.00	
Searsport Water District.....	8 50	
Searsport Drug Co.....	1.00	
Searsport Hardware.....	6.20	
Payrol	3.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		772.29
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Balance to Surplus.....		37.71

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation.....	2,000.00	
Receipts from burning grass.....	176.14	
Town of Stockton.....	184.00	
U. S. Coast Guard.....	40.00	
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Total Available.....		2,400.14

Expenditures

L. H. Rich.....	5.00	
Gulf Oil Corp.....	334.18	
Blanchard Associates.....	629.92	
Jackson's Service Station.....	129.11	
Knox Bros.....	14.85	
Andrews Garage.....	14.60	
Payroll.....	1,385.80	
City of Belfast.....	211.25	
Alton Jackson.....	2.49	
C. M. Power Co	55.58	
Thomas C Gregor.....	65.20	
Eastern Fire Equipment.....	141.29	

Mary Carr.....	1.93	
C. G. Carley.....	2.50	
Sid's Market.....	21.13	
Victor Chemical Co.....	17.10	
Staples Garage.....	1.51	
B. F. Colcord Ins. Agency.....	175.00	
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Total Expenses.....		3,208.44
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		808.30

PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK

Appropriation.....		3,500.00
Expenditures:		
Shute and Shorey.....	1,200.00	
Nelsons Welding Shop.....	2 500.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		3,700.00
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		200.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation.....	2,500.00	
Waldo County.....	238.25	
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Total Available.....		2 738 25
Expenditures:		
F. L. Whitcomb, salary.....	2,150.00	
F. L. Whitcomb, mileage.....	77.50	
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Total Expenses.....		2,227.50
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Balance to Surplus.....		335.75
Balance, Continued.....		175.00

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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation.....	1 400.00	
Paid—C. M. Power Co.....	1,280.86	
Balance to Surplus.....		119.14

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation.....	2,650.00	
Paid Searsport Water District.....	2,625.00	
Balance to Surplus.....		25.00

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....		500.00
Expenditures:		
Payroll.....	209.51	
Searsport Hardware.....	6.63	
C. G. Carley.....	10.15	
Bancroft & Martin.....	16.17	
Diamond Match Co.....	21.17	
Milton Hills.....	95.50	
Total Expenditures.....		359.13
Balance to Surplus.....		140.87

SIDEWALKS

Appropriations.....	100.00
Expended.....	00.00
Balance to Surplus.....	100.00

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation.....	85.00
Paid State of Maine.....	85.00

PUBLICITY

Appropriation	50.00
Paid Maine Publicity Bureau.....	50.00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Receipts

Balance Jan. 31, 1952.....	1,201.32	
Appropriation.....	20,000.00	
From Surplus.....	600.00	
State School Fund.....	5,153.87	
Other Credits.....	35.26	
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Total Available.....		26,990.45

Expenditures

Payrolls.....	26,312.41	
Other Charges.....	415.60	
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Total Charges.....		26,728.01
Balance Carries Forward.....		262.44

HIGH SCHOOL

Balance Jan. 31, 1952.....	884.18	
Appropriation.....	8,200.00	
State School Fund.....	3,600.00	
Other Credits.....	325.00	
Other Cash Receipts.....	387.91	
From Surplus.....	1,000.00	
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Total Available.....		14,397.09

Expenditures

Payrolls.....	13,704.78	
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Balance Carried Forward.....		692.31

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GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation.....	2,500.00	
Other Credits.....	14.43	
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Total Available.....		2,514.43
Less Overdraft.....		693.18
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		1,821.25
Expenditures:		
Payrolls.....	2,249.31	
Other Charges.....	35.26	
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Total Expenditures.....		2,284.57
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Overdraft Carried Forward.....		463.32

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation.....	850.00	
Other Credit.....	90.60	
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Total Available.....	940.60	
Expenditures:		
Payrolls.....		927.45
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Balance to Surplus.....		13.15

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Appropriation.....		50.00
Hannaford Bros.....	22.10	
F. & P. Candy Co.....	19.40	
Portland Candy Co.....	8.58	
Knox Bros.....	1.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		51.08
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		1.08

BULKHEAD—MOSMAN PARK

Appropriation.....	2,500.00
Paid Roger Harriman.....	2,500.00

WORLD WAR I AND II MEMORIAL

Balance Jan. 31, 1952.....	4,257.00	
Appropriation.....	1,000.00	
Interest Earned.....	58.66	
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Total Reserve.....		5,315.66

INTEREST

Receipts:		
Interest Received.....	6.58	
Other Credit.....	.82	
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Total.....		7.40
Paid Interest on Bonds.....		200.00
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		192.60

CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation.....	400.00	
State Stipend.....	40.00	
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Total Available.....		440.00
Paid to Library Association.....		440.00

TOWN OF SEARSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Receipts:		
Balance Jan. 31, 1952.....	1,000.00	
From Bond Issue.....	20,000.00	
Surplus.....	5,000.00	
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Total Available.....		26,000.00
Expenditures:		
Paid Town of Searsport School District.....		26,000.00

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TOWN GARAGE

Paid for Labor.....	1,398.36	
Payroll for Trucks.....	164.50	
Siegfried Johnson.....	63.00	
Supplies.....	1,742.82	
State Sand & Gravel.....	69.90	
Incidentals.....	19.71	
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Total Expenditures.....		3,458.29

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance Jan. 31, 1952.....	375.20
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MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		50.00
Lougee's.....	5.51	
Chester Pendleton.....	8.25	
Stantial.....	10.50	
Searsport Drug.....	23.00	
Ivory Frazier.....	3.00	
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Total Expenditures.....	50.26	
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		.26

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE
CLAIR SHUTE
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Selectmen of Searsport

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Bushes have been cut and burned on the old County Road, the Nickerson Road, the Greeley Road and the Smith Clements Road.

The town road improvement money was used to resurface the Nickerson Road and a portion of the Merithew Road. The overdraft represents the cost of gravel.

The Special Resolve money was spent on resurfacing a part of the Savery Road.

Culverts have been purchased and installed on the Black Road, the Nickerson Road, the Kimball Road and the Clements Road.

Extensive work was done on the Clements Road, and the Fowler Road repairing damage done by heavy rains of the previous fall.

The town streets which have not been tarred were heavily graveled during the summer.

There is a balance in the Town Roads Account due largely to the fact that the cost of retarring the town streets was less than anticipated.

The overdraft in the State Aid Construction Account was authorized at town meeting.

The overdraft in Town Road Improvement represents the cost of gravel which is always borne by the town.

Town Roads

Appropriation.....	8,000.00	
Other Receipts.....	18.25	
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Total Available.....		8,018.25

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Expenditures:

Payroll, labor.....	2,012 65	
Payroll, trucks.....	2,337.23	
Bancroft & Martin.....	671.25	
Grant's Service Station.....	239.95	
Diamond Match Co.....	1.80	
Clyde Nickerson, gravel.....	26 20	
Gilbert Fowler, gravel.....	38.70	
Searsport Hardware.....	17.71	
Raymond Carroll.....	19.00	
R. B. Dunning & Co.....	56.83	
Fox and Ginn.....	1.75	
W. H. Shurtleff & Co., salt.....	87.20	
Eastern Tractor & Equipment Co.....	56.61	
Jacob Eames, gravel.....	86 80	
Knox Bros.....	10.19	
John Lord.....	38.00	
Daniel Rich.....	84.00	
Gulf Oil Corp.....	7.70	
Andrews Garage.....	31.47	
Searsport Drug Co.....	1.50	
State Treasurer, tar.....	356.75	
Total Expenditures.....		6,183.29
Balance to Surplus.....		1,834.96

Bayview Extension

Appropriation.....		700.00
Expenditures:		
James H. Duncan.....	9.00	
Payroll.....	621.73	
Total Expenditures.....		630.73
Balance to Surplus.....		69.27

State Aid Construction

Appropriation.....	1,464.00	
Received from State.....	1,654.32	
Total Available.....		3,118.32
Expenditures:		
Bancroft & Martin.....	282.38	
Jacob Eames, gravel.....	282.20	
Payrolls.....	4,977.56	
Total Expenditures.....		5,542.14
Overdraft to Surplus.....		2,423.82

Town Road Improvement

Received from State.....		1,464.80
Expenditures:		
Leon Webster, gravel.....	167.00	
Payrolls.....	1,464.80	
Total Expenditures.....		1,631.80
Overdraft to Surplus.....		167.00

Special Resolve Road

Received from State.....		964.44
Expenditures:		
Jacob Eames, gravel.....	24.50	
Leon Webster, gravel.....	109.20	
Payrolls.....	965.44	
Total Expenditures.....		1,099.14
Overdraft to Surplus.....		134.70

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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Snow Removal

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Received from State.....	1,508.52	
Other Receipts.....	8.50	
Total Available.....		4,017.02
Expenditures:		
Payrolls, labor.....	959.08	
Payrolls, trucks.....	771.10	
State Treasurer.....	357.04	
Payroll, sand.....	231.15	
Grant's Service Station.....	13.73	
B. M. Clark.....	54.50	
Total Expenditures.....		2,386.60
Balance to Surplus.....		1,630.42

Tractor

Receipts (hire of tractor).....		12.50
Expenditures:		
Knox Bros.....	10.58	
Gulf Oil Corp.....	55.94	
Fox and Ginn.....	17.07	
C. G. Carley.....	7.67	
Payroll.....	9.25	
Andrews Garage.....	5.00	
Southworth Machine Co.....	1,453.96	
Total Expenditures.....		1,559.47
Overdraft to Surplus.....		1,546.97

Cutting Bushes

Appropriation		600.00
Expenditures:		
Payroll, labor	517.42	
Payroll, trucks	25.20	
Searsport Hardware	18.95	
Ernest Grant	4.35	
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Total Expenditures		565.92
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Balance to Surplus		34.08

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE
CLAIR SHUTE
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Road Commissioners

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The Town Poor Account has been heavily overdrawn, because we have found it necessary to furnish hospitalization and medical care in an unusually large number of cases.

Appropriations.....	4,000.00
Refund from Case No. 1.....	26.97
Refund from Case No. 13.....	8.00
Refund from Andrew Palmer.....	37.60
Refund from Case No. 7.....	50.00
Other Receipts.....	5.00

Total Available.....	4,127.57
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Expenditures:

Case No. 1

Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	78.00
Waldo County Gen. Hospital.....	94.00
Sid's Market.....	22.17
Taylor's Market.....	194.31
Clement and Adams.....	18.50
River's Shoe Store.....	22.27
William Poor and Son.....	4.50
Leslie Closson.....	14.00
Raymond Carroll.....	7.50
Searsport Drug Company.....	7.57
Berry's Taxi.....	1.5
Searsport Hardware.....	10.52

474.84

Case No. 2

Dr. J. J. Sennett.....	302.00
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Case No. 3

Sid's Market.....	156.28
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Case No. 4

Taylor's Market.....	126.96
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	3.00
Dr. John Caswell.....	4.00
Dr. Foster Small.....	5.00
Dr. A. O. Stein.....	50.00
Waldo County Gen. Hospital.....	69.75
Searsport Drug Company.....	5.00
First National Store.....	9.42
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	273.13

Case No. 5

City Drug Store.....	128.46
George L. Cements.....	360.00
Dr. A. O. Stein.....	57.00
Dr. George Temple.....	3.00
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	548.46

Case No. 6

Sid's Market.....	270.87
Ellis Andrews.....	12.00
Clement and Adams.....	3.42
Williston and Rogers.....	3.00
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	289.29

Edwin Young:

First National Stores.....	9.23
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Case No. 7

George L. Clements.....	163.00
Amy B. Littlefield.....	120.00
City Drug Store.....	5.30

288.30

Lillian Moody:

Taylor's Market.....	116.95
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	10.00
Waldo County Gen. Hospital.....	5.00
Searsport Drug Company.....	5.75
Leslie Closson.....	10.00

147.70

Arthur Coleman:

George L. Clements.....	84.00
Frances M. Connors.....	254.00
Fred E. Young.....	245.00
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	40.00

623.00

Case No. 8

City of Belfast.....	26.12
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Case No. 9

City of Belfast.....	63.72
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R. B. Davis, Jr.:

State Treasurer.....	78.28
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Case No. 10

Dr. John Caswell.....	8.00
Dr. A. O. Stein.....	15.00
Waldo County Gen. Hospital.....	37.35

 60.35
Case No. 11

Fred Young.....	5.00
Waldo County Gen. Hospital.....	298.05
F. C. Small.....	20.00
Dr. A. O. Stein.....	135.00

 458.05
Case No. 12

City of Belfast.....	138.59
Dr. John Caswell.....	50.00
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	12.17

 200.76
John Stairs:

State Treasurer.....	5.00
Taylor's Market	172.47
Knox Bros.....	69.40
Central Maine Power Co.....	5.00
Searsport Water District.....	7.14
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	3.00
	8.00

 262.01

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Case No. 13

Estate of Fred E. Young.....	80.00
N. E. Medical Center.....	179.08
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	76.50
Taylor's Market.....	13.95
Waldo County Hospital.....	96.18
Bill to N. E. Med. Center (unpaid)....	757.70

 1,203.41
Andrew Palmer:

Waldo County Gen. Hospital.....	471.05
A. H. Jewell	4.00
Meister Convalescent Home.....	165.07

 640.12
David Seekins:

Town of Prospect.....	6.97
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Russell Harvey:

Estate of Fred E. Young.....	225.00
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Total Expenditures.....	6,337.02
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Overdraft to Surplus.....	2,209.45
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OTHER TOWN POOR**Receipts:**

Town of Stockton.....	1,304.75
City of Belfast.....	420.06
Frank Bissell.....	20.00
Other Credits	35.51

Total Receipts.....	1,780.32
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Total Expenditures.....	1,790.28
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Balance Due	9.96
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STATE POOR

Received from State Treasurer.....	277.72
Expenditures.....	277.72

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation.....	1,200.00	
Paid State Treasurer.....	853.56	
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Balance.....		346.44

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE
CLAIR SHUTE
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Overseers of the Poor

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

List of Fires and Cost Attended by
Barney Hose Co. - 1952

1951

Dec. 15	Cecil Moulton	Fire under floor	\$16.00
Dec. 15	Frank Wright	Chimney	14.00
Dec. 16	Henry Socea	Fire in wall	15.00
Dec. 20	Harvard Bowden	Chimney	3.00
Dec. 25	Robert Seater	Car	9.00

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Jan. 4	Lawrence Hamilton	Chimney	7.00
Feb. 13	Harold Simpson	Car	7.00
Mar. 1	Fred Harriman	Fire on roof	13.00
Mar. 12	Thornton Curtis	Chimney	14.00
Mar. 20	N. E. Tel. & Tel.	Waste paper	12.00
Mar. 23	Savage Road	Grass	2.00
Apr. 12	Ralph Thompson	Grass	12.00
Apr. 13	Etta Walker	Grass	25.00
Apr. 13	Vinal Foss	Grass	14.00
Apr. 13	Edward Roberts	Grass	12.00
Apr. 16	Sheppard Hurd	Grass	8.00
Apr. 17	Florian Andrews	Chimney	12.00
Apr. 17	Wingate Cram	Grass	12.00
Apr. 18	Marshall Shute	Car	10.00
Apr. 18	C. H. Sprague & Son	Pocket & trestle	273.00
Apr. 23	Cecil Seekins	Chimney	7.00
Apr. 24	Mary Beals	Chimney	13.00
Apr. 24	James Moody	House	29.00
Apr. 27	Lester Berry	Woods	31.00
Apr. 27	Phillip White	Grass	13.00
	Burning grass at property owner's expense		124 00
May 3	Mt. Ephraim Rd.	Grass	20.00

May 5	Town Dump		30.00
July 2	Goodhue Camps	Grass	13.00
July 28	Roy Dakin	Oil burner	10.00
July 31	Henry Moody	Car	17.00
Aug. 25	Town Dump		24.00
Aug. 26	Gilbert Fowler	Barn	39.00
Oct. 20	Mabel Hamilton	Grass	14.00
Oct. 22	Texaco Service Station	Grass	11.00
Nov. 4	Edward Young	Chimney	12.00
Nov. 6	Masonic Hall	Stockton	159.00
Nov. 9	Louise Webber	Chimney	14.00
Nov. 17	Fort Point Light	Del. fresh water	11.00
Nov. 26	Evelyn Craig	Chimney	16.00
Nov.	Testing and care of fire hose for year		114.00
Total			1,211.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON H. JACKSON

Fire Chief

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REPORT OF TREASURER

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Balance Feb. 1, 1952.....	1,934.24
Interest Capital Reserve Fund.....	27.50
Cemetery Funds.....	6,518.22
Interest Cemetery Funds.....	1,286.34
Interest Worthy Poor Funds.....	486.13
Interest Barney Hose Funds.....	77.15
Interest Library Funds.....	190.65

10,520.23

Paid by Warrant.....	2,011 57
Cash Balance.....	8,508.66

10,520.23

GENERAL TOWN FUNDS

Balance Feb. 1, 1952.....	23,015.21
1952 Town Tax.....	79,278.82
1951 Town Tax.....	5,127.67
1950 Town Tax.....	73.98
1949 Town Tax.....	1.36
1948 Town Tax.....	30.16
1947 Town Tax.....	17.40
1946 Town Tax.....	2.44
Tax Liens.....	443.42
Cost and Interest.....	22.27
1951 Excise Tax.....	100.00
1952 Excise Tax.....	4,261.53
1953 Excise Tax.....	1,158.10

State

Dept. of Education.....	8,753.87
Highway Department.....	4,083.56

Snow Removal.....	1,508.52
State Aid Poor.....	424.09
Bank Stock Tax.....	121.56
Library Stipend.....	40.00
R. R. & Telephone Tax.....	44.63
Dog Tax Refund.....	18.18
Fire Department.....	44.14

Other Receipts

Withholding Tax.....	3,087.70
Teachers' Retirement.....	1,142.00
Social Security Receipts.....	113.84
High School Tuition.....	367.32
General School Account.....	35.02
Sale of Town Property.....	755.00
Fire Department.....	344.00
General Government.....	380.82
Tractor Account.....	12.50
Other Town Poor.....	1,744.81
Police Department.....	238.25
Town Poor.....	127.57
Town Roads.....	18.25
Union Hall.....	10.00
Weir License.....	5.00
Snow Removal.....	8.50
School District Bonds.....	20,000.00

156,961.49

Paid by Warrant.....	139,024.19
Cash Balance.....	17,937.30

156,961.49

Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. ROBBINS

Treasurer

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REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Committed May 20, 1952.....	83,833.94	
Supplemental Tax Jan. 24, 1953.....	306.67	
		84,140.61
Less:		
Abatements.....	440.26	
Transferred to Town Property.....	586.57	
		1,026.83
Balance of Commitment.....		83,113.78
Collected to Feb. 1, 1953.....	79,278.82	
Collected since Feb. 1.....	1,140.99	
		80,419.81
Amount uncollected.....		2,693.97
Collector's overage.....		.99
		2,694.96

UNCOLLECTED TAXES
YEAR 1952

Ames, William H.....	27.39
Card, Esther.....	.66
Carr, Ernest.....	3.66
Clements, Henry.....	59.10
Coffin, Mrs. James.....	17.16
Colcord, B. F. Heirs.....	79.20
Colcord, Florence.....	73.26
Clark, Mrs. James.....	52.80
Curtis, Walter and Lena.....	58.08
Crooker, Ralph.....	3.00

Dakin, Arthur M.....	16.50
Dickey, Carl	3.00
Evans, Carl.....	3.00
Fowler, S. Gilbert.....	95.70
Fraser, Kenneth	3.66
Foss, Emery	3.00
Grant, Ernest	3.00
Grant, Ernest and Bertha	39.60
Griffin, Eva Heirs.....	54.80
Grindle, John E.....	22.14
Hamilton, Homer.....	37.95
Harvey, Fred.....	36.30
Hopkins, Clyde.....	4.95
Keenan, Harriett.....	.66
Lord, Mary.....	106.26
Lamphier, Stanley.....	3.00
MacKenzie, Earl and Winnifred.....	47.85
McLeod, Irving.....	50.82
Martin, Wilfred and Adele.....	89.76
Merrithew, Benjamin.....	30.36
Merry, Earl J.....	29.40
Merrithew, Royal.....	3.00
Merrithew, Archie.....	57.45
Moody, James.....	3.00
Mason, Fortuno & Daisy Furbush.....	59.07
Noble, Alexander and Helen J.....	33.00
Pendleton, Maurice.....	39.66
Porter, Charles.....	3.30
Plummer, Hilton.....	17.16
Palmer, Thornton.....	53.46
Palmer, Judson.....	26.40
Rich, Kenneth.....	13.56
Rivers, Almon S. and Charlotte.....	3.00
Rivers, Marguerite.....	126.06
Rogers, Charles and Ella.....	66.00
Rogers, Charles A., Jr.....	41.28
Sambrook, Inez.....	21.86

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Seekins, Benjamin.....	3.58
Seekins, Eugene and Margaret.....	9.50
Smart, Ralph.....	29.70
Smart, Percy.....	8.69
Stairs, Percy.....	79.86
Sylvester, Lionel, Heirs.....	19.80
Socea, George.....	3.00
Simpson, Harold.....	3.00
Simpson, Ida.....	13.86
Stairs, John.....	6.60
Shute, Kenneth.....	8.91
Stairs, Charles.....	3.00
Smith, Leslie.....	20.46
Seekins, Henry.....	16.50
Thompson, Margaret.....	.66
Thompson, Harold.....	3.00
Thompson, Rethel and Irene.....	3.30
Tozier, Charles E.....	10.80
Tinney, Leonard S.....	9.90
Varney, George C.....	8.58
Walter, Orris M.....	82.50
Ward, Eugene A.....	43.26
Winslow, Earl.....	3.00
Whitcomb, Carl.....	3.00
Wojerchowicz, Anna.....	21.45
Young, Edwin.....	3.00

NON-RESIDENTS

Eaton, Cynthia M.....	26.40
Flanagan, Judson B.....	62.70
Jerome, Nancy P.....	13.20
Lenfest, Charles.....	4.95
Moody, Gertrude and Raymond.....	79.20
Marchard, Mrs. Eugene.....	1.65
Nickerson, Merle.....	16.50
Nickerson, Robert S.....	24.42

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Palmer, Andrew.....	4.95
Paulsen, John and Doris.....	36.30
Rollins, Sara and Luther.....	231.00
Wentworth, Julia, Heirs.....	59.40
Wood, Paul L.....	66.00
York, Jessie and Milford.....	3.30

SUPPLEMENTAL TAX

Hamilton, Edwin J.....	3.00
Lamphier, Stanley.....	19.80

Total uncollected	2,694.96
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YEAR 1948

Rivers, Almon and Charlotte S.....	5.59
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Total uncollected.....	5.59
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YEAR 1949

Rivers, Almon S. and Charlotte.....	37.40
Stairs, Percy.....	196.66

Total uncollected.....	234.06
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YEAR 1950

Clements, Henry.....	12.58
Merrithew, Benjamin.....	4.08
Merrithew, Archie.....	3.00
Rivers, Almon S. and Charlotte.....	16.60
White, Mack.....	3.00

Total uncollected.....	39.26
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YEAR 1951

Coffin, Mrs. James.....	1.32
Clements, Henry.....	7.95
Fowler, S. Gilbert and Esther.....	29.01
Harvey, Fred.....	15.00
Hopkins, Clyde.....	4.95
Martin, Wilfred and Adele.....	21.78
Merrithew, Benjamin..	3.96
Palmer, Judson.....	44.22
Rogers, Charles and Ella.....	57.76
Sanborn, Ralph.....	3.00
Thompson, Rethel and Irene.....	4.95
Varney, George C.....	6.60
Winslow, Earl.....	3.00

Total uncollected.....	203.50
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Respectfully submitted,

RUBY D. WOOD

Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

RECORD OF DEATHS

November 14, 1951	Grace Mabel Farrar
January 5, 1952	Ernest L. Bowdoin
January 5, 1952	Emily M. Perkins
January 10, 1952	Elias Charles Sambrook
January 23, 1952	Vera Ethel Cottrell
February 16, 1952	Carolyn Sophia Koch
March 25, 1952	Elizabeth B. Goodell
March 27, 1952	Julia B. Cunningham
April 2, 1952	Ira Winfred Veazie
April 10, 1952	Annie May Norton
April 11, 1952	Charles Wilson Wyllie
April 13, 1952	William Edward Bean
April 14, 1952	Warren Frederick Moody
April 17, 1952	Manter F. Moody
April 28, 1952	Thomas Robert Keegan
May 1, 1952	William Richardson Gilkey
May 11, 1952	Harrison Fair Holmes
May 12, 1952	Robert M. Thompson
May 24, 1952	James Pendleton Nichols
June 3, 1952	Lucy A. Campbell
June 9, 1952	Annie M. Evans
June 20, 1952	Harry L. Hall
June 29, 1952	Edward H. Knowlton
July 16, 1952	Arthur O. Colman
July 20, 1952	Frederick M. Nickerson
July 28, 1952	Mary E. Kimball
August 10, 1952	Alicia A. Walker
August 10, 1952	Fred A. Harvey
August 19, 1952	Minnie S. Hersey
August 25, 1952	Fred Eugene Young
September 1, 1952	Carrie Maude Smith
October 4, 1952	Wingate F. Cram

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October 9, 1952	Leila L. Ablott
October 19, 1952	James Emerson Knowlton
November 4, 1952	Dorothy M. Decrow
November 15, 1952	Maurice Edward Herrick
December 15, 1952	Clifford William Jackson
December 15, 1952	Elizabeth M. Patten
December 30, 1952	Bertha Almida Grant
December 31, 1952	Jesse Forest Littlefield
January 2, 1953	Thomas Norman Whitcomb
January 4, 1953	Russell Hugh Harvey

Total Number of Births	33
Total Number of Marriages	30
Total Number of Stillbirths	1

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. FLETCHER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintending School Committee

Mr. Leoren Clements	Term Expires March, 1953
Mr. David Stone	Term Expires March, 1954
Mrs. Helen Fletcher	Term Expires March, 1955
Chairman—Mr. David Stone	

To the school committee, parents and citizens of Searsport:

Your attention is respectfully called to the problems and changes in Searsport Public Schools.

Enrollment Data - February 1, 1953

Grade	School	Enrollment	Totals
Sub-Primary	Primary Bldg.	25	
First		38	
Second		27	
Third		36	
			126
Fourth	Grammar Bldg.	28	
Fifth		22	
Sixth		29	
			79
Seventh	High School Bldg.	38	
Eighth		31	
Ninth		19	
Tenth		16	
Eleventh		16	
Twelfth		11	
			131
Grand Total			336

The new High School has been built just in time to accommodate the larger classes moving from the lower grades. In fact, if there had not been new construction, it would be necessary next year to place desks in the corridors of the old High School.

The Harbor and Nichols Schools are no longer used for instruction and pupils have been moved either to the Primary or Grammar building. On January 5, a Sub-Primary class was opened with an enrollment of 25, and a larger group is expected next fall. At present, there is an all-day class, but in September 1953 Sub-Primary will have a half-day session. The teacher of this class will use the remainder of the day instructing pupils from other rooms—pupils who may be in need of special help. The addition of Sub-Primary should mean better progress in reading and there should be fewer cases of retardation.

New building construction and the moving of elementary pupils to the Grammar School building has created more space and has very definitely improved the whole system. Searsport apparently has school housing adequate for many years to come. Crowded classrooms lead to poor educational results, to a breakdown of discipline, and may be said to contribute to delinquency. A retarded student is an unhappy person and frustrations in school may cause bad conduct. Citizens and school officials of Searsport have acted wisely and promptly in supplying better educational opportunities for their children.

I believe Mr. Greene will agree that the new building has much improved the morale and spirit of the High School group. Pleasant colors, more space, better library and laboratory facilities all have a salutary effect; an improved general tone in the entire student body. It is hoped that in the near future the Home Economics and Vocational Training Rooms will be finished and equipped. Then our High School will provide Secondary education equivalent to any Maine town of similar size.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Greene on his many years of service to Searsport High School. His leadership explains in no small degree the high morale and high standards of Searsport High.

Salaries

In September, 1952, elementary teachers were raised from \$1800.00 to \$2000.00; and high school teachers were raised as follows: the Principal from \$3100.00 to \$3500.00, and classrooms were raised from \$2000.00 to \$2400.00. Considering teacher salaries in other towns of like size and wealth, these raises were justified. New buildings and more spacious classrooms are hardly of any use unless they are administered by capable teachers and we cannot expect to keep good teachers unless salaries are adequate. Furthermore, we can no longer fix salaries on the basis of marital status or local residence. If such a policy were pursued, we would stand in danger of losing very capable teachers to nearby towns.

Finances

A balanced budget in School Maintenance Accounts was made possible by the allotment at Special Town Meeting last fall. This sum provided funds for increased amounts for teacher salaries mentioned above.

In requests for last year's budget, the school committee and school officials did not allow fully for the cost of maintaining the new high school building. These expenses began last October when it became necessary to heat the building and later on to engage a fulltime janitor.

For 1953-1954 school expenses, the committee is requesting the following amounts:

Elementary expense.....	\$27,000.00
Secondary expense.....	9,800.00
General Account.....	2,700.00

This is a large increase and calls for explanation. Even though the two one-rooms are no longer used, it will cost more for maintaining the old High School as a grade school. We have the expense of two more elementary teachers for a full year and all elementary teachers have been granted raises since last year's budget. Furthermore, it is necessary to employ a fulltime janitor for the Grammar Building; and we must pay more for conveyance. Mr. Brock makes an extra trip to transport Sub-Primary children, and next fall these children must be taken home after the half-day session.

For the High School the explanation of greater costs is somewhat the same as for elementary expense. Teacher salaries have been increased and it will be desirable to engage a janitor who will serve through the entire calendar year. During the summer vacation period, this janitor will be custodian of all the school buildings and will tend to ordinary repairs.

The General Account includes money for a new lighting system in the Grammar building, for the continuing of Fluoride Treatments, and for new seats for the Sub-Primary room.

The Town of Searsport has provided better educational opportunities and facilities for its children and these improvements will cost more. Increased enrollments and general school costs is a problem which faces most every community; and the investment is the greatest and wisest we can make with our tax money—it is a real investment for a better future.

Repairs

The water line from the main line to the Primary Building has been replaced with a copper pipe. The stairway in the Grammar Building has been repaired, and a new light installed in the corridor. Ventilation fans have been placed in the toilet rooms of the Grammar Building.

Next year the committee hopes to install new lights in the Grammar Building as the present system is outmoded and not at all adequate for studying. The porch of the Primary Building needs repair and the cellar should be painted and brightened up.

Playground equipment is needed for both elementary schools.

Appreciation

School officials and teachers join in thanking local groups and individuals for an active interest in schools. The Parent Teacher Association is considering a Hot Lunch Program for the children and this would be a great benefit to our boys and girls.

I wish to thank the school committee and townspeople for their patience and kindness in my first year as superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD B. PIERCE

Superintendent of Schools

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SEARSPORT SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953

Elementary

Receipts:

Balance, Feb., 1952.....	1,201.32
State Fund, Dec., 1952.....	5,153.87
Appropriation, March, 1952.....	20,000.00
Special Town Meeting.....	600.00

26,955.19

Expenditures:

Teachers.....	15,473.61
Fuel.....	1,525.69
Janitor and Cleaning.....	1,539.52
Conveyance.....	6,127.28
Books.....	996.12
Supplies.....	726.92
Lights and Water.....	303.61

26,692.75

Balance carried forward..... 262.44

Secondary

Receipts:

Balance, Feb., 1952.....	884.18
State Fund, Dec., 1952.....	3,600.00
Appropriation, March, 1952.....	8,200.00
Tuition.....	367.32
Special Town Meeting.....	1,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	20.59

14,072.09

Expenditures:

Teachers.....	7,940.40
Fuel.....	1,736.44
Janitor and Cleaning.....	1,787.10
Tuition (refund).....	117.28
Books.....	334.82
Supplies.....	1,228.08
Light and Water.....	235.66

13,379.78

Balance carried forward..... 692.31

General Account

Receipts:

Appropriation, March, 1952.....	2,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	14.43

2,514.43

Expenditures:

Elementary repairs.....	655.57
Secondary repairs.....	206.77
Insurance.....	498.63
Equipment.....	644.85
Fluoride treatment.....	260.00
Improvements.....	18.75
Deficit, Feb., 1952.....	693.18

2,977.75

Deficit carried forward..... 463.32

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintending School Committee:

In starting this annual report, I wish to express my appreciation to all of you for your splendid cooperation in making it possible for us to move into the new building this winter.

Our enrollment by grades is as follows:

7th Grade	38
8th Grade	31
9th Grade	19
10th Grade	16
11th Grade	18
12th Grade	11
Post Graduate	1

Work on "The Windjammer" is progressing well under the direction of Mrs. McCaslin.

The employment of Mrs. Rivers for the Seventh Grade Room relieves Mr. Pooler of a congested schedule and at the same time removes the necessity of having the 7th and 8th grades use the high school class rooms as study halls. It also provides the 7th grade with a full-time teacher resulting in a richer program for them.

Two of our graduates last June, John Thureau and Kenneth Martin are attending the Maine Maritime Academy. Arthur Curtis is in his first year at the College of Technology at the State University. Janet Hawley plans to enter the University of Maine next fall, as does Peter Perkins. Parker Clements has been admitted to the Teachers' College at Farmington.

A new metal filing case has been obtained and permanent record cards will be kept in it, making them more accessible and convenient to use.

Our basketball season has been completed and we are now turning our attention to public speaking and other activities. Mr. Pooler and Mr. Barnes had charge of the teams, each of which enjoyed a reasonable amount of success. We feel that although we, like everyone else, like to win, there are things more important, namely academic standing and the observance of training rules.

The school bought a new electric scoreboard last fall which adds to the enjoyment of the spectators during the game. It also purchased a second-hand piano. Contributions toward the purchase of the piano were received from the Searsport Grammar School and The Parent-Teachers' Association.

Respectfully submitted,

VICOTR N. GREENE

Principal

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Another year of Public Health Nursing Service, with its ever expanding program, has been completed. Much of the success of the program can be credited to the efficient work of the local Health Committee of the Parent Teachers' Association.

Your town has been visited by the Public Health Nurse 36 times this year and 152 home visits have been made. These visits include all the types of services the program offers.

Under the Maternal and Child Health Program, 6 Child Health Conferences have been held. The total attendance of infant and pre-school children was 65. Physical examinations, immunizations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and smallpox were given by the local physician. The Health Committee assisted in the planning and conducting of these conferences. Ten visits were made to schools. Conferences have been held with the teachers who have referred problems, many of which have been followed through to a satisfactory solution.

The Department of Health and Welfare sponsored Clinics have been available to the community. 17 persons have attended the X-ray Clinic. The Pediatric, Crippled Children's, Cardiac, Mental Hygiene and Cancer Control Clinics have all served your community.

Your Public Health Nurse has enjoyed her work in Searsport and wishes to extend her thanks to the Town Officials, Physician, School Personnel and the Health Committee for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the various activities. It is such cooperation and teamwork which insures a successful and worthwhile community health program.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA CREAMER

Public Health Nurse

CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Searsport:

Herewith is my report as Treasurer of the Carver Memorial Library Association for the year ending January 31, 1953.

Receipts

Balance Feb. 1, 1952.....	699.96
Interest from Invested Funds.....	105.65
State Book Fund.....	40.00
Town Appropriation, 1952.....	400.00
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Total Receipts.....	1,245.61

Expenditures

C. M. Power Co., light.....	55.06
George Campbell, janitor.....	160.00
Elsie H. Gilkey, librarian.....	130.00
Mary D. Campbell, asst. librarian.....	39.00
Personal Book Shop, 8 books.....	15.23
The Eastern News Co., 4 books.....	10.80
The H. R. Hunting Co., 6 books.....	12.05
Consumers Fuel Co., 5 tons coal.....	127.00
H. P. Roby, 1 cord of wood.....	18.00
Searsport Hdwe. Co., glass and putty.....	1.71
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Total Expenditures.....	568.85
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Balance Feb. 1, 1953.....	913.99

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BOOK FUNDS

Balance Feb. 1, 1952.....	171.46	
Interest received.....	100.00	
Total Receipts.....		271.46
Total Expenditures.....		65.39
Balance Feb. 1, 1953.....		206.50

MAGAZINE FUND

Balance Feb. 1, 1952.....	10.00	
Interest received.....	40.00	
Total Receipts.....		50.00
Total Expenditures.....		19.27
Balance Feb. 1, 1953.....		30.73

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN

Treasurer

REPORT OF SEARSPORT WATER DISTRICT

The trustees of the Searsport Water District submit the fifth annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1952.

It was the sad misfortune of the Searsport Water District to lose Mr. Fred E. Young as their treasurer and manager in August of this year.

The Searsport Water District was organized in 1948 and bonded for \$130,000.00 at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

In the following list of expenditures the payment of notes concludes the payment of money borrowed when the new road was constructed on Main Street.

Receipts

On hand Jan. 1, 1952	364.34	
Cash received.....	22,435.04	
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Total.....		22,799.38

Expenditures

Stockton Springs Water Co.....	5,336.46
Maintenance of mains, services, hydr.	3,592.87
Salaries.....	2,986.80
Interest.....	4,238.15
Notes.....	1,600.00
Purification.....	59.05
Rents.....	109.96
Meter Reading.....	23.61
Transportation.....	36.37

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Insurance.....	25.00	
General Expense.....	560.34	
Office Supplies.....	65.89	
Miscellaneous.....	2,746.11	
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		21,380.61
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1952....		1,418.77

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DUNCAN
C. SUMNER SMALL
JOSHUA CURTIS

Trustees

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

The following financial statements reflecting the receipts and expenditures of income from cemetery trust funds held by the town, were submitted by the treasurers of the Cemetery Assn.

Village Cemetery

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1952.....	214.65	
Received from town treasurer.....	311.54	
Total.....		526.19
List of expenditures.....	320.00	
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1953.....		330.85

Mount Hope

Rec. from town treasurer in 1952.....	63.47
Expended in 1952.....	62.47

Bowditch Cemetery

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1952.....	838.71	
Received from town treasurer.....	101.48	
Interest.....	7.98	
Deposits.....	16.00	
		964.17
Expenditures.....	176.00	
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1953.....		788.17

Statement of funds of B. F. Pendleton Cemetery lot.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1952.....	333.82	
Received from town treasurer.....	37.50	
Interest.....	1.67	
		372.99
Expenditures.....	53.30	
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1953.....		319.99

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Elmwood Cemetery

On hand Oct. 27, 1951.....	41.36	
Received from town Jan. 31, 1952	103.54	
Interest.....	.14	
Received from town June 1, 1952 Int.	.46	
Received from town July 3, 1952.....	120.47	
Received from town Dec. 1, 1952.....	.08	
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Received from town Jan. 30, 1953	109.36	

All expenses paid to May 1, 1952.

We consider that our year begins the first of May when the caretaker is putting the cemetery in order.

Gordon Cemetery

Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1952	00.00	
Received from town treasurer.....	179.31	
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Total.....		179.31
List of expenditures.....	112.08	
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1953		67.23

Evergreen Cemetery

Balance Jan. 31, 1952.....	755.07	
Earned (Interest).....	493.01	
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		1,248.08
Expended.....		88.50
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Balance Jan. 31, 1953.....		1,159.58

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEARSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The mandate of the voters of Searsport to bring into existence a new High School was met in a cooperative, forward-looking, and business-like way by the trustees.

It was decided, in the interests of economy and fairness, to employ a master builder, who in turn agreed to use all the local labor that was practicable, rather than let the work out by contract. Most every local man who applied for work was hired, and we wish our craftsmen and laborers to know that we felt they gave us excellent workmanship for value-received, and by their whole-hearted efforts enabled us to keep down our labor costs.

We would like to call the attention of the citizens to the heating plant of our new school. At a greater first cost we installed a larger heating plant than is at present needed, but looking forward to the time when new rooms or a new gymnasium or auditorium might be added, the necessary heating capacity is available. Also, knowing that the equipment of a school room is subject to severe usage, we purchased the highest quality Irwin desks and seats. The floors are laid with beautiful asphalt tile. The building is insulated.

Due to the liberality and unselfish desire to not make a profit, many of our local business firms sold us merchandise at their cost. We especially thank the firm of Knox Brothers who cooperated with us in this way. We also wish to thank the C. H. Sprague & Sons Company, who thru their local representative, Mr. James Nickerson, gave us the free use of their bulldozer and driver whenever needed. This helped us materially in grading and landscaping the grounds around the building.

A growing shortage of funds caused us to make a limited appeal to some of our local and summer residents whom we felt might be interested in making a financial donation toward the unfinished work. We wish to thank the many who sent fine contributions ranging from five dollars to one hundred dollars each.

The testimony of our townspeople, since seeing the completed work as of this date, seems to justify the judgement and labor that the trustees have put into this project.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARMON TYMESON

Secretary-Treasurer



Searsport High School

MOSMAN MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION

The Mosman Memorial Park dates from 1922 when Mrs. James B. Parse talked up a movement to raise money, by subscription, from the citizens of Searsport, for the purchase of Mosman's Grove (including the baseball field) and make it available as a recreational ground for all of the people of Searsport and to be dedicated as a Memorial to the Searsport men who served in the armed forces of the country during World War I. Interest was high and subscriptions came in readily and the ground was purchased from the estate of Howard Mosman. More than 160 persons of Searsport made these original donations, ranging from one dollar to two-hundred fifty dollars each, thus making them all members of the Association.

The cottage was repaired and water was made available in the summer. The flag pole was presented by W. R. Blodgett and worked down by Captain Nicholas Parse and the flag was presented by Eben Gilkey of Bedford, Mass., a Searsport boy. Captain Albert Blanchard procured the boulder from Swan Lake, and W. F. Runnel had the Memorial plaque made and mounted on the boulder. Captain Albert Blanchard was the first president and Captain Joseph D. Sweetser the first treasurer of the Assn.

The present officers are: president, Colonel M. M. Potter; vice-president, Mr. P. C. O'Donnell; clerk, Miss Rebecca M. Ross; treasurer, Mr. Joshua W. Curtis, Sr.

The members of the board of trustees are: Colonel F. F. Black, chairman; Mrs. James B. Parse, Mr. Donald W. Vaughan, Vice-Admiral C. F. Bryant, Mr. Clement Whittier, and Mr. P. C. O'Donnell.

Repair and upkeep of the park is financed by annual subscriptions of public-minded citizens of Searsport and therefore, when major improvements are necessary, the town is asked to help.

At the last meeting of the Association the feeling was expressed that the general public did not realize that the Park is maintained for their use. Any, and all, citizens of Searsport are authorized to use the Park for picnics, reunions, or any other gathering. It is only necessary to sign the book at the Searsport Drug Store and secure the key to the cottage. When use is finished, the cottage and grounds should be cleaned up and the key returned to the Drug Store. No fee is asked for the use of cottage and grounds.

At the annual Town Meeting, in 1952, \$2500.00 was voted to build a bulkhead on the waterfront of the Park to prevent further weather erosion. This project was completed last October. During the past two years a number of trees have been cut to permit the baseball diamond to be swung to the west, and last summer water was piped from the cottage to the edge of the baseball diamond for drinking purposes and to assist in laying the dust.

A project to remove the rocks in front of the Park grounds and prepare a community sandy bathing beach is now under way and we hope to have this beach in operation by the beginning of the coming summer.

This year there will be some playground equipment in the Park for the use of the youngsters.

The officers of the Association earnestly hope that all residents of Searsport will make more and more use of the Park and its facilities. **KEEP YOUR PARK CLEAN.**

M. MILTON POTTER

President

WARRANT

To Alfred Ashey, Constable of the Town of Searsport, in the
County of Waldo

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Searsport, in said County qualified to vote by law in Town, on Monday, the 9th day of March, A. D. 1953, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Carl Sawyer

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Maurice Fletcher

Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the Annual Report of the municipal officers as printed. yes

Art. 4. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the various Town officers for the ensuing year.

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Art. 5. To choose and elect Town officers for the ensuing year and how many, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, a member of the School Board to serve for three years, a Budget Committee, a Road Commissioner, Constables, Surveyors of sawed lumber, Surveyors of wood and bark, surveyors of Spars and Timber, Fence Viewers, Sealers of Leather, Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves, and Fire Ward.

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Art. 6. To elect a Tax Collector.

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Ruby Wood.

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- Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose or lease any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property, or act anything thereon. **YES**
- Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the High School.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$9,600.00 **YES**
- Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Elementary Schools.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$27,000.00 **YES**
- Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Superintendent of Schools.
Recommendation of Budget Committee \$850.00 **YES**
- Art. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs, insurance, truancy, and equipment for the schools.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$2,700.00 **YES**
- Art. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Carver Memorial Library.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: ~~\$400.00~~ ^{600.} **YES**
- Art. 13. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government and Incidentals.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$7,500.00 **YES**

- Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$4,000.00 **YES**
- Art. 15. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of the hydrants.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$2,650.00 **YES**
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to maintain the present Fire Department and to make such changes, as may, in their opinion, become necessary. **YES**
- Art. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repair of the Town roads and how much to allow for labor. **SAME AS STATE PAYS.**
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$8,000.00 **YES**
- Art. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on improved and town roads.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$500.00 **YES**
- Art. 19. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for winter breaking and snow removal.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$2,500.00 **YES**
- Art. 20. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$2,000.00 plus \$500.00 for additional equipment. **YES**
- Art. 21. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for sewer repairs and maintenance or act anything thereon.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$500.00 **YES**

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- Art. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the decoration of soldiers' graves and the care of the Monument Lot.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: ~~\$50.00~~ ⁹100.
- Art. 23. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$1,400.00 **YES**
- Art. 24. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for sidewalk repairs and maintenance, or act anything thereon.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$100.00 **YES**
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$85.00 for public health nursing in Searsport. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local services, or act anything thereon.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$85.00 **YES**
- Art. 26. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Union Hall, or act anything thereon.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$800.00 **YES**
- Art. 27. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children, or act anything thereon.
Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$1,200.00 **YES**
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow, as temporary loan or loans, to and for the use of the Town of Searsport, in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, sums

of money in the aggregate not exceeding twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00); and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the negotiable bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable within the said municipal year from monies raised by taxation therein and upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen of said Town, in accordance with provisions of R. S. Maine, Section 83, Chapter 5 as amended, or act anything thereon. *YES*

- Art. 29. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages, and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$50.00 *YES*

- Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$1,596.00 *YES*

- Art. 31. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to add to the World War I and II Memorial Gymnasium Capital Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$1,000.00 *YES*

- Art. 32. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to be used for Civil Defense, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee: (None)

*Had money left over to use.
\$ 375.*

- Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a Community tree, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$50.00 **YES**

- Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to employ a policeman for the ensuing year and how much money it will raise and appropriate for his salary, or act anything thereon.

Recommendation of Budget Committee: \$2,500.00 **YES**

- Art. 35. To see whether the Town will vote to accept from the Estate of James P. Nichols the sum of \$200.00 to be held in trust and the income to be used in accordance with the terms stated in the will of the late James P. Nichols. **YES**

- Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light at the intersection of Prospect Street and the Brock Road, so called, or act anything thereon. **PASS OVER**

- Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light near the residence of Etta Walker at Searsport Harbor, or act anything thereon. **YES**

- Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tarring of Fike Avenue and Otis Street, so called, or act anything thereon. **YES**

- Art. 39. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell or dispose of the old hose reels and pumps, formerly used by the Barney Hose Company, or act anything thereon. **YES**

Resolution for selectman to ask State
for a yellow light to stay longer moved
and seconded.

- Art. 40. To see whether the town will vote to accept from Nelson Walker, the sum of \$100.00 to be held in trust and the income to be used and spent toward the perpetual care of the Walker lot in the Gordon Cemetery. *yes*
- Art. 41. To see if this town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,360.00 to be used to retire \$4,000.00 of the bond issue and to pay the interest on the same, or act anything thereon. *yes*
- Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate in its behalf a contract with the Merrill Trust Company, or some other bank, to act as its agent to handle the Trust Funds of the Town, under such conditions and terms as they may deem advisable, or act anything thereon. *passed over for consideration for another year*
- Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to take action to alleviate polluted conditions of the brook in Mechanics Hollow, so called, or act anything thereon. *yes*
- Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to pay for adding more rock to the bulkhead at Mosman Park, or act anything thereon. *yes*

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's office on Saturday, March 7, 1953, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of correcting and revising the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, February A. D. 1953.

VICTOR N. GREENE
CLAIR S. SHUTE
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Selectmen of Searsport

Maurice Clark brought out a lot of things at Town Meeting which a lot of us had never heard about before.

A lot of fire flew. A lot of good pain Nannie had there.

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1. Don Vaughan
2. L. H. Duncan
3. F. Grant
4. T. W. Kipatnick
5. James Hickerson
6. Chas. Knox
7. Chas. Clark. Jr.
8. M. P. Thompson
9. Col. M. M. Potter
10. Chas. Tremble.

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